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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES, LLC DBA JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF SALE AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND CONDITIONAL CANCELLATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Docket No.: WS-02987A-13-0477

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code §R14-3-105, the Town of Florence, an Arizona municipal corporation, ("Florence"), hereby applies to the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "Commission"), for an order granting leave to intervene in the above captioned proceeding. In support of this Application, is respectfully requested that the Commission grant leave to intervene for the following reasons:

- 1. Florence, a municipal water and wastewater treatment provider holding a Designation of Assured Water Supply ("DAWS"), is currently negotiating with Johnson Utilities, LLC ("Johnson" or, "Applicant") for the purchase of substantially all the tangible and intangible assets of Applicant which are comprised by Johnson Ranch Public Water System No. 11-128 and Anthem at Merrill Ranch Public Water System No. 11-136, as well as the four wastewater plants currently operated by Johnson. Additionally, Florence seeks to purchase the assets of Johnson affiliate Southwest Environmental Utilities, LLC as part of the same transaction.
- 2. Based upon the transaction contemplated between Johnson and Florence, Florence will be directly and substantially affected by the proceedings in this matter.

- 3. Thousands of current and future residents of Florence will be also be substantially affected by the Applicant's proposed sale of assets to Florence and the conditional cancellation of its CC&N, as well as thousands of current customers of Johnson residing outside of Florence's municipal boundaries.
- 4. It is reasonably anticipated that the participation of Florence in these proceedings will not unnecessarily enlarge the scope of the Commission's inquiry into the Johnson application, nor cause undue delay.
- 5. If leave to intervene is granted, the Town of Florence requests that all communication issued in connection with the proceedings be directed to:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of April, 2014.

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1 Original and thirteen (13) copies filed this 2nd day of April, 2014, with: 2 Arizona Corporation Commission 3 **Docket Control** 4 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 5 6 A copy of the foregoing document was mailed this 7 2nd day of April, 2014 to: 8 Lyn Farmer, Chief Administrative Law Judge **Hearing Division** 9 **Arizona Corporation Commission** 10 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 11 Janice Alward, Chief Counsel 12 Legal Division 13 **Arizona Corporation Commission** 1200 W. Washington Street 14 Phoenix, AZ 85007 15 Steve Olea 16 **Utilities Division Arizona Corporation Commission** 17 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 18 19 Jeffrey W. Crockett Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP 20 One East Washington Street, Suite 2400 21 Phoenix, AZ 85004-2202 Attorney for Johnson Utilities, LLC 22 Dan Pozefsky 23 Chief Counsel 24 **RUCO** 1110 W. Washington Street 25 Phoenix, AZ 85007 26 Craig A. Marks 27 Attorney at Law 10645 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite 200-676 28 Phoenix, AZ 85028

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